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FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2295
DEPT OF ENERGY WASHDC PRIORITY
INFO AMCONSUL DHAHRAN
USLO RIYADH

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DOE FOR JOHN SCHULER, CHIEF, COMMERCIALIZATION BRANCH

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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL SOLAR ENERGY WORKING GROUP (ISWG)

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1. USG INTEREST IN SOLAR ENERGY HAS GENERATED THREE
DELEGATIONS (TREASURY STAFFDEL, WILLIS DELEGATION, AND
ISWG) TO VISIT INDENTICAL LIMITED SET OF SAUDI CONTACTS
MID TO LATE JUNE. EMBASSY IS PLEASED TO NOTE ISWG FOCUS ON
COMMERCIAL APPLICATIONS AND URGES ITS CONCENTRATION OF EFFORT
ON THIS SECTOR RATHER THAN SIMPLY REPEATING CONTACTS MADE BY DOE DELE
GATION
LED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ENERGY TECHNOLOGY WILLIS.
EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT PLAN TO VISIT RIYADH UNIVERSITY. SOME
700 MILES FROM JIDDA, INCLUDES A RIYADH VISIT. WOULD
APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION OF ITINERARY THIS REGARD SINCE
REFTEL A SHOWS DIRECT FLIGHT TO JIDDA. EMBASSY
SUGGESTS ISWG VISIT RIYADH ON ONE-DAY AIR TRIP O/A
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JULY 3, AND RETURN TO JIDDA SAME DAY FOR REMAINING
SCHEDULE AND PLANNED JULY 7 DEPARTURE. PLEASE ADVISE
IF THIS IS AGREEABLE.

2. SAUDI PHASE OF TRIP WILL BE INTERRUPTED BY ISLAMIC
WEEKEND (THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, JUNE 29-30, AS WELL AS
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY JULY 6-7) AND WILL COVER OUR

JULY 4 HOLIDAY. RIYADH WILL PROVE TO BE TORRID,
DULL, AND EXPENSIVE PLACE TO MARK TIME. SUGGESTED
ITINERARY:
THURSDAY, JUNE 29, LV DHAHRAN FOR JIDDA AS PER
REFTEL A. BRIEFING BY CONTROL OFFICER.
FRIDAY, JUNE 30: LOCAL WEEKEND NO BUSINESS
POSSIBLE.
SATURDAY, JULY 1, AND SUNDAY, JULY 2, APPOINTMENTS
WITH LOCAL SAUDI OFFICIALS AND BUSINESSMEN. EMBASSY
APPOINTMENTS.
MONDAY, JULY 3, TRIP TO RIYADH AS SUGGESTED ABOVE
FOR APPOINTMENTS WITH SAUDI OFFICIALS, UNIVERSITY OF
RIYADH PROFESSORS, AND WITH DR. OBEID, IF AVAILABLE.
TUESDAY, JULY 4, USG HOLIDAY, SAUDI APPOINTMENTS
AS POSSIBLE.

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY JULY 5 AND 6 APPOINTMENTS
IN JIDDA. LIMITED APPOINTMENTS WITH SAUDI AND USG
CONTACTS POSSIBLE ON THURSDAY MORNING.
FRIDAY JULY 7, DEPARTURE.

3. EMBASSY HAS MADE RESERVATIONS (FOUR SINGLES) AT
JIDDA KAKI HOTEL FOR JUNE 29 TO JULY 7, GROUP SHOULD
SEND DEPOSIT FOR SR 200 (\$57.98) PER PERSON IMMEDIATELY
TO EMBASSY TO HOLD RESERVATIONS. DEPOSIT WILL BE
FORFEITED IF GROUP CANCELS RESERVATIONS LESS THAN
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48 RPT 48 HOURS PRIOR ARRIVAL. IF AMEX HAS MADE
RESERVATIONS AT DIFFERENT HOTEL, PLEASE ADVISE SO
WE CAN RECONFIRM THEM AND CANCEL KAKI IN TIME.

4. ROUND TRIP FROM JIDDA TO RIYADH MUST BE MADE BY
FIRST CLASS AIR TRAVEL SINCE SAUDIA PERMITS NO RPT
ECONOMY PASSENGERS FREQUENTLY FAIL TO GET ON THEIR
DESIRED FLIGHTS. SUGGESTED SCHEDULE: LV. JIDDA
0645 VIA SAUDI FLT 160, ARRIVE RIYADH 0805.
APPOINTMENT WILL BE DURING SAUDI MORNING BUSINESS
HOURS : 0900 TO APPROXIMATELY 1400, AND 1600 TO 2000
WITH MID-DAY BREAK. SUGGESTED RETURN FLIGHT: LV.
RIYADH 2200 VIA SAUDI FLT. 715, ARRIVE JIDDA 2325.
EMBOFF ROBERTSON WILL MEET ISWG AT AIRPORT UPON
ARRIVAL AT JIDDA AND ACCOMPANY MISSION TO RIYADH.

5. WE ARE STILL WORKING ON DESIRED APPOINTMENTS,
AND WILL ATTEMPT CABLE FINAL SCHEDULE PRIOR TO ARRIVAL.
MOST CONTACTS ARE MAKING SUMMER TRAVELS PLANS NOW, AND
UNWILLING TO COMMIT THEMSELVES A MONTH IN ADVANCE.
CABLED DATA ON BACKGROUND AND SPECIFIC INTERESTS OF
SCI MEMBERS WOULD BE HELPFUL IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS.

6. PRIOR TO DISCUSSING USE OF SOALR ENERGY EQUIPMENT
WITH EMBASSY ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF, ISWG MAY WISH
TOUCH BASE WITH MR. GEORGE TWOHIE, FFEDERAL BUILDINGS
OFFICE, DEPARTUMENT OF STATE, SA-6 IN ROSSLYN (TEL/
235-9499). EMBASSY NEEDS ARE FOR WATER HEATING.
AIR:CONDITIONING, AND SWIMMING-POOL WATER COOLING.

7. WILL GROUP BRING AUDIO-VISUL MATERIAL THAT
CAN BE SHOWN AT A POSSIBLE RECEPTION?
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